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DRAGGERS GOT A FEW MACKEREL

Three Trips Land at the Fort—Some of Fish Are Very Large.

Another halibut arrived yesterday afternoon, sch. Mystery, Capt. James Mason bringing 12,000 pounds halibut, 10,000 pounds salt cod and 5000 pounds fresh fish.

Arrivals today are schs. Premier with 30,000 pounds fresh fish from the Cape Shore and sch. Margaret from Portland with some fresh and salt fish. Sch. Annie F. Kimball brings 900 quintals cured fish from South West Harbor for the Cunningham & Thompson Company.

The draggers are picking up a few mackerel, two fares being landed at the Fort yesterday afternoon and one this morning. The fish are large and medium, some of the former tipping the scales as high as four pounds per fish. The gill netters landed 15,000 pounds fresh fish yesterday, mostly pollock.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Mystery, Cape Shore, 12,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 35,000 lbs fresh fish, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Premier, Cape Shore, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Margaret, via Portland, 16,000 lbs fresh fish, 6000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Bethulia, gill netting, 7500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Geisha, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Ethel, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Dixie, netting, 200 fresh mackerel.

Sloop Beulah Maud, netting, 200 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Annie F. Kimball, South West Harbor, cured fish.

Sch. Magnolia, shore.

Sch. Mary E. Sennett, shore.

Sch. Little Fannie, seining.

Steamer Mary F. Ruth, seining.

Sch. Margie Turner, via Portland.

Sch. Mabel E. Leavitt, netting, 50 fresh mackerel.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, haddock.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddock.

Sch. Edith Silveria, haddock.

Sch. Mary E. Sennett, pollocking.

Sch. Motor, mackerel netting.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$4.00.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.

Salt trawl bank codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75.

Salt drift codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.

Cusk, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Flitted halibut, 10c per lb.

Hake, \$1.80.
Pollock, \$1.75.
Haddock, \$1.75.
North Bay mackerel, \$15 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.
Western cod, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2.10; snappers, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.95; snappers, 75c.

Drift cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.

Hake, \$1.40.

Cusk, large, \$1.80; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, 90c.

Small pollock, 60c per bbl.

Fresh mackerel, 27c each for large, 19c for medium.

Fresh halibut, 11c for white, 8c for gray.

Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$2 to freezer; \$1.75 to salt.

Fresh bluebacks, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$1.75 to freezer; \$1 to salt.

Fresh mackerel, 10 1-4c per lb. for small.

Fresh shad, \$5 per bbl.

IN WITH FINE MAIDEN TRIP

Sch. Reading, Capt. John Hickey, Has Good Fare On High Market.

The new sch. Reading, Capt. John Hickey, arrived at Boston this morning from her maiden trip, hailing for 48,000 pounds mixed fish.

Arrivals at Boston were few today, the off shores besides the Reading including schs. A. Platt Andrew, 43,000 pounds; Progress, 40,000 pounds; Conqueror, 43,000 pounds; steamer Spray, 55,000 pounds.

Wholesale quotations on groundfish showed an upward tendency, \$3.80 to \$4.25 a hundred pounds being paid for haddock, \$7 for large and \$4 for market cod, \$1.50 to \$2.50 for hake, \$1.50 to \$2 for pollock and \$2 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Spray, 50,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Reading, 35,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. A. Platt Andrew, 35,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 7500 hake.

Sch. Progress, 25,000 haddock, 3200 cod, 12,000 hake.

Sch. Washakie, 3500 haddock, 1500 cod, 6000 hake, 2500 cusk, 6000 pollock.

Sch. James and Esther, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 7000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Waltham, 5000 haddock, 1600 cod, 6000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Patriot, 8000 pollock.

Sch. Viking, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Conqueror, 35,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 5000 hake.

Haddock, \$3.80 to \$4.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$7; market cod, \$4; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1.50 to \$2; cusk, \$2.

FISH FREIGHTERS WILL RACE HERE

When the three schooners that are now tied up at Union wharf, Portland, awaiting favorable weather, get under way on their trip to Gloucester, a lively race will be in session, says the Portland Press. The schooners are the Laura and Marion, Capt. Fides, Bass Point for Gloucester; the Ralph Grant, Capt. Murray, New Harbor for Gloucester, and the Fannie Hayden, Capt. Sweetsir, Stockton for Gloucester. Of these three, the schooner Fannie Hayden appears to be the fastest and it is rumored along the waterfront that the captain of the latter schooner will not use her auxiliary engine in the race to Gloucester, preferring to trim the other two by sail power only. The trio of schooners were expected to get under way yesterday, and the result of the race will be eagerly awaited by the local captains. The Fannie Hayden has a cargo of potatoes, while the other two are laden with fish.

The good sloop Crusader, one of the best known crafts in the local fishing fleet, has probably unloaded her last catch at Commercial wharf, Portland, having just been sold to Massachusetts parties. Under command of Capt. John Dyer, who has also owned her for the past five years, she has made good money in the business, but the skipper has just purchased the schooner Martha E. McLain, another successful fishing craft and took advantage of the first opportunity of getting rid of his old boat.

Business at the Portland sardine factories has been very quiet the past few days, the herring having again almost entirely disappeared from the Foreside and other Casco Bay points where they have been running heavy for several previous weeks. A few fish are being brought up from the Sheepscot river, and boats were out last night trying to pick up a few at Scarborough, where they are reported as showing up well. Nearly 250 people find employment at the two local factories, where they are in full operation, and all hands concerned are hoping for a brisk business during the remainder of the season, which closes on November 30. At the eastward the factories are in full operation, several of those at Eastport and Lubec working night and day in order to take care of the catch, the fish running well and the fishermen all making good money.

Will Start Up Monday.

The Cape Ann Freezer Company, located at the property formerly owned by Frank Stanwood, which the firm of A. Cooney & Company has taken over, is ready for business and will commence to take in fish Monday.

The freezer has been put in first-class condition and the hustling new owners of the premises are planning for an extensive business, having an up-to-date and complete equipment for freezing and storage purposes.

N. F. COD PRICES HAVE DROPPED

The fish prices have weakened during the week and quotations are lower this morning, says the St. John's, N. F., Trade Review of October 17. When we last wrote good talqual Merchantable and Maderia was worth \$6.00 a quintal; today the highest price that will be paid is \$5.75, and some buyers are offering only \$5.50. The men who have been holding back their shore fish for a month or more at the suggestion of people who assume to know everything realize that they have been fooled, and accordingly, they are not very thankful to the people, who misled them. They will probably be wiser in future.

Slop Labrador.

The most of the outport schooners, arriving in port the last few days, are bringing what is now known to the trade as slop Labrador, i. e. fish which has been given only one or two days drying. Owing to the lateness of the Labrador season, this had to be brought home instead of shipped from the coast, and thus there is much more of it than usual in the market. Ten days ago fishermen, who brought this class of fish along, got \$4.25 to \$4.50 for it. The men who foolishly listened to bad advice and held on their fish cannot get more than \$3.75 for it in the market today.

Good Advice.

Those who are the real friends of the fishermen have been asking them for some time to dispose of their voyage as early as possible, as under the extraordinary market conditions at present prevailing, high prices could not be maintained all through the season. And we are not the only fishing firm in Iceland wired a local concern offering 17,000 quintals of fish at much lower prices than it could be bought for in the Newfoundland market. The local concern declined to deal at any figure knowing that it will take us all our time to market our own goods this season.

More Good Stocks.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, Capt. Enos Nickerson, made another fine stock as a result of six days' fishing. The gross receipts were \$1700, from which each of the crew shared \$49 clear.

On the previous week, the share was \$39 to a man, making a total of \$88 clear for two weeks work.

Sch. Stiletto, Capt. Lyman Wykle, stocked \$3100 and the crew shared \$78 on the recent shacking trip.

Sch. Bay State, Capt. Archie McLeod, stocked \$2100 and the crew shared \$44 on the recent halibuting trip. It is understood that several tubs of trawl were lost on this trip.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, Capt. Lemuel Spinney, stocked \$2851 and the crew shared \$58.90 on her halibuting trip.

Salt Mackerel Sale.

The salt mackerel fare of sch. Fannie A. Smith from North Bay sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company at \$15 a barrel.

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MORE NORWAYS COMING ALONG

Says the Fishing Gazette: "The quotations on Norway mackerel as listed in The Fishing Gazette are as nearly right as it is possible to have them. It sits now to a question of quality, of condition, and of whether or not the Norway fall caught mackerel have some summer fish sandwiched in between. I was forced to question the veracity of one selling representative this week, who sold me summer fish for the fall caught variety. He maintained that the vessels in Norway didn't go out fishing during the summer and that there were no summer fish in his stock. I went as close as a gentleman could in asserting that I was quite certain that the contrary was the case." This is the summary of an announcement made by a leading New York merchant last Wednesday.

The inward shipments of Norway mackerel seem to be on the increase with each succeeding week, and the market has an easier tone, as a consequence. Some sellers, it is claimed, have not stocked up to the required standard, which may, too, account for varied quotations in price and cause a weakness in the market.

The report by cablegram from Liverpool, England, October 10, stated that the shipments for the week ending on that date included 590 barrels salt mackerel for Boston, and to all other ports 342 barrels. The fishing was poor.

"Well, you can say that there is one large importer of New York mackerel who is not mixing summer fish with the genuine and most excellent fall cut variety," said the executive head of a pioneer house in New York city Thursday last. There have been four complaints from as many different New York houses because Norway mackerel recently bought as fall caught exclusively, seemed to contain the thin and inferior fish of the summer catches.

MAY RAISE SCH. ANNIE PERRY

The Provincetown sch. Annie Perry, which was sunk off Point Allerton buoy early Tuesday morning in a collision with the steam trawler Surf may be raised. A diver made a thorough examination yesterday and the break in the craft's side will probably be patched, after which slings will be run under the bottom and she will be lifted with the aid of wrecking lighters.

An investigation of the collision was begun at the office of the United States steamboat inspectors yesterday. After the testimony is transcribed a decision will be reached about bringing charges against the captain of the Surf.

SCH. OLGA BACK FROM TRAP TRIP

Local Craft Has Been on Labrador Coast for Five Months.

Sch. Olga, Capt. Al Evans, one of the trapping fleet that went to the Labrador arrived home during the night after a five months' trip, hailing for 30,000 pounds salt cod.

Weather conditions have been poor on the coast this year, the captain and crew report. Capt. Evans carried a seine boat and six horsepower engine, which he used in picking up the catches from his traps.

The gill netters are getting into the game again, one by one, four of the steamers making hauls yesterday and landing some 12,000 pounds fresh fish.

The draggers got a few fish yesterday, large and medium fish which sold at 27 cents each for large and 19 cents for medium.

Five of the Maine packet fleet with cargoes of cured fish, made port during the night. Schs. William Keene and Sadie A. Campbell are consigned to Davis Brothers, Annie L. Sanborn, P. J. O'Brien & Co., and the Mildred May and Laura and Marion to the masters.

A large fleet of coastwise and shore boats made harbor during the night, with others arriving during the morning.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Olga, Labrador coast, 300,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Annie L. Sanborn, Boothbay, cured fish.

Sch. Mildred May, Bass Harbor, cured fish.

Sch. Sadie A. Kimball, Deer Island, cured fish.

Sch. Laura and Marion, Tremont, cured fish.

Sch. William Keene, Orr's Island, cured fish.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, seining, 4 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Jeanette, shore, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Harriett, via Boston.

Sch. Rose Standish, shore.

Sch. Patriot, via Boston.

Sch. James and Esther, via Boston.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, via Boston.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, via Boston.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston.

Sch. Actor, shore.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Julia May, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bessie A., gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Dixie, netting, 140 fresh mackerel.

Sloop Beulah Maud, netting, 100 fresh mackerel.

Sch. W. H. Reed, netting, 100 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Adeline, shore.

Sch. Genesta, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Rhodora, halibuting.
Sch. Elmer E. Gray, halibuting.
Sch. John Hays Hammond, halibuting.
Sch. Juno, haddocking.
Sch. Bay State, haddocking.

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Cusk, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Filched halibut, 10c per lb.

Hake, \$1.80.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Haddock, \$1.75.

North Bay mackerel, \$15 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

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Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$2 to freezer; \$1.75 to salt.

Fresh bluebacks, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$1.75 to freeze; \$1 to salt.

Fresh mackerel, 10-14c per lb. for small.

Fresh shad, \$5 per bbl.

Sch. Marjie Turner Sold.

The sch. Marjie Turner of Portland formerly commanded by Capt. Samuel Colson in the fresh halibuting fishery, has been sold to Portland parties, representing the N. F. Trefethen Co. She will be commanded by Capt. Clarence A. Turner in the fresh haddocking fishery.

The craft is at this port at present and after having her gear removed, will be taken to Portland where a 36 and a 24 horsepower engines will be installed.

Belleoram Arrivals.

A message to the Fisheries department today says the following schooners have arrived at Belleoram during the past few days: Demerling, 130, Effie M. Prior 200, Valoria 100, Nahado 100 and Harry A. Nickerson 230.—St. John's Herald, October 17.

Local Craft at Bay of Islands.

A message to Deputy Minister of Customs LeMessurier from Bay of Islands today says: "The American schooners Ramona and Atlanta arrived at Wood's Island from Gloucester this morning to begin the herring fishery, and herring are reported very plentiful in Middle Arm.—St. John's Herald, Oct. 17.

COD SWARM IN HUDSON BAY

New Marine Mine of Unto Wealth Found by Canadian Steamer Minto.

By chance the Canadian government steamer Minto which returned to Halifax, N. S., the other day has discovered what are probably the most valuable fishing grounds in the world, an offset to the heavy expenditure imposed by the war in Europe. It always been supposed that the Hudson Bay contained mercantile fish.

Within the last half-dozen years government decided to make a shipping port of Port Nelson, in Hudson Bay, and to build a line of railway connect with Winnipeg. Government steamers have been carrying men and material to that point and incidentally experiments were being made to ascertain if the bay contained fish of commercial value. Last year an experiment was sent up, but he was unable owing to lack of equipment, to exploit the deep waters of the bay. He had to confine his efforts to the rivers and their approaches. He found that salmon and trout were there in great numbers, but he could tell nothing about the deeper waters or "banks."

This year the government equipped a sailing vessel with an auxiliary engine to complete the work and she still in the bay. But the Minto, Capt. John Reid, was trying its luck once, with the hope of getting a meal of fresh fish, when in a couple of hours the men had landed more cod than crew could consume in a year. They proceeded to cure them. In order to dispel any doubts that might be cast upon his statement the captain took photos of the catch, which he brought to Halifax. All the fish were cod and they took the bait readily.

It is probable that on the report of the government party this statement will be enlarged upon, as a complete survey of the new fish grounds is being made. But Capt. Reid's report sets all doubts at rest regarding the sea wealth of Hudson Bay. That cod exist in the waters of the bay and that they are easily cured is news of great importance not only to the people of Canada, but to the people of the United States, particularly the people of New England seaboard. It is expected there is going to be a rush for new fishing grounds.

The catch by the Minto's crew, made on August 26. The sea fish of Canada are among her great sources of wealth. The government recognizes this and maintains a fleet of vessels to protect them. This protection now be extended to the waters of Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait and, of course, the Canadian fishermen will mainly reap the benefit. This new found wealth will help the government pay its war bills. It means millions of dollars every year added to the wealth of the country.

More Gill Netters Going.

Steamer Orion made her first gill netting yesterday, and steamer Evelyn H. will set today.